

GSC Meeting - Minutes

February Meeting (2/2/09)

Graduate Student Room (Bldg 10/Rm 10S235A)

Attendance: Kim Baxter, Matt Berberich, Vania Cao, Sandra Chapman, Dan Crooks, Julien Debbache, Sandra Dillahun, Tracy Jill Doty, Caroline Duffy, Lydia Durant, Shawna Graves (phone), Stephanie Guzik, Jill Harunaga, Tom Johnson, Pavitra Kannan, Sariah Khormae, Angelo Kolokithas (phone), Emma Kurnat-Thoma, Guillaume LeBoucher, Loren Hansen, Augustia Luna, Nick McBride, Ashley Owen, Candace Pfefferkorn, Andre Pilon, Christina Saikus, Kate Szarama, Anastasia Tikhonova, Micah Webster

Meeting began 5:00pm

1) General Business

- a) Introductions
- b) Secretary: Tom Johnson; No News.
- c) Treasurer: Matt Berberich
 - i) Holding off on selling activity passes for this year until we have a stronger idea of funding needs and sources
 - ii) Will apply to FAES and GPP for funds and may possibly fundraise (if allowed)
- d) GPP Notes & Announcements: Caroline Duffy
 - i) Post-doc Panel will take place March 17 in Natcher from 2:30-5:00pm. Plan for at least 3 post-docs to answer questions on obtaining positions in multiple areas, not just academia
 - ii) Interviews are taking place in February. Partnership Reps: please check applicable dates
 - iii) To Partnership Reps: Thanks for writing emails to your constituencies
- e) March 2 GSC meeting – time/place may change in order to videoconference with RML, Baltimore. Please look for an announcement!
 - i) Likely in Bldg 1 from 4-5pm, though not yet finalized
- f) Looking for GSC members to serve as contact points for their Institute on an informal basis
 - i) Sign-up sheet passed around during meeting
 - ii) Some institutes still not represented. Contact Kim via email if interested.
- g) Triad Lunches, this Weds Feb 4, 12pm: meet at cafeteria in Building 10, 1, 35
- h) Plan for New & Improved Graduate Student Seminar Series (GS3)
 - i) More structured/formalized seminar; open to larger audience; scheduled well in advance; organized by area of research (e.g. cancer research, nucleic acid biology); targeted advertising; feedback for speaker.
- i) Addressing issues from Retreat:
 - i) You can find grad students by building/year/program on the Yahoo GSX site (under Database).
 - (1) Please make sure that you keep your information updated
 - ii) If you don't know the responsibilities of your role on GSC, please look it up in the Constitution.
 - iii) Funding GSC events in 2009
 - (1) Events: Grad-only holiday party, Summer BBQ w/ GPP, Halloween party w/ FelCom, GSC Open house (meet the GSC)
 - (2) RML wishes to hold concurrent events of this nature. Need to look into funding options for this.

2) Committee Reports

a) Social Committee

- i) Feb is a busy month so will be light on social events. May have one happy hour
- ii) Next month, bowling at NNMC
- iii) FelCom happy hour is 2/12
- iv) Other possible events: ice skating in sculpture garden, White House tour, Capitol tour

b) Academic Committee

- i) Teaching: Kate Callahan; Amanda Higley; Matt Berberich. No News.
- ii) Biophysics and Structural Biology Interest Group: Matt Berberich No News.
- iii) Systems Neuroscience Interest Group: Tracy Jill Doty – Thurs Feb 5 @ 4pm in GS Lounge.

c) Career Development

- i) Pathways: Nick McBride, Shau-Ming Wei, Sally McMillin
 - (1) Project Management Seminar – Feb 18, 1-3pm (lunch at noon).
 - (2) Seminar by Novartis (Tues 2/10)

- ii) GS³: Matt Berberich
 - (1) Next meeting - Feb 19, **1pm** *Note time change*, Grad Student Lounge
 - (2) May begin an annual Mock Poster Session in the spring
 - iii) Spring Career Symposium: Sandra Chapman and Jason Warfel. No News.
 - d) **Community Service** – Kim Baxter, Sandra Dillahunt, Augustin Luna
 - i) Manna box-packing Feb 3
 - ii) Blood Drive Feb 11
 - iii) Relay for Life April 18
 - iv) Youth Enrichment Program of Transitional Housing Corp (THC) events upcoming, but you must undergo a screening process to participate. (See Comm. Serv. webpage of GSC website)
 - e) **Trainee Advisory Committee** – Emma Kurnat-Thoma, Julien Debbache, Sandra Chapman
 - i) Ideas for TAC webpage
 - ii) Met last month with GPP and OITE leadership to discuss opportunities for GS leadership development
 - f) **Partnership Representatives**
 - i) International Individual Reps: Julien Debbache, Guillaume LeBoucher
 - ii) US Individual Reps: Sandra Chapman, Sandra Dillahunt
 - iii) Formal Reps: Kate Szarama, Shau-Ming Wei, Ashley Owen, Micah Webster, Sariah Khormae, Lydia Durant, Andre Pilon, Augustin Luna, Shawna Graves, Matt Berberich, Candace Pfefferkorn, Jill Harunaga, Anastasia Tikhonova, Emma Kornat-Thoma, Kevin Woolard
 - g) **Public Relations Committee**
 - i) Newsletter – Co-Editors: Cynthia Chang, Becca Chodroff, Vania Cao
 - (1) January issue is out successfully
 - ii) Website – Web Mistress: Christina Saikus
 - (1) Update your committee page
 - (2) Send any interesting info or pictures that would be nice for the website
 - (3) Discussed possibility of adding a “student publications” section to the website
 - iii) GSX – Moderator: Julien Debbache. No News.
 - iv) FELCOM rep: Dan Crooks
 - (1) Let Dan know if there are any issues you’d like to bring up with FelCom.
 - h) **Symposium Committee** – Kate Callahan, Dan Crooks, Phil Wang
 - i) Keynote Speaker Suggestions: Nancy Wexler, Andrew Fire, Steven Chu, Tom Daschle.
 - ii) Committee is looking for new members. Contact Dan if interested in planning symposium.
 - i) **Thesis Committee** – Tina Tang, Khalisa Herman, Rui Gao, Athena Klutz, Megan Cleland
 - i) Met with GPP admin to develop list of 10 things you need to do to plan thesis talk—to email this week
- 3) **New Business**
- a) Take all committee photos and partnership reps photo
 - b) Discussion initiated from RML about NIH subsidizing child care for IRTA fellows. Angelo will be given FelCom point of contact on this issue as they are much further along in looking into this

Meeting concluded 5:50pm

Following the GSC meeting there was a short orientation for students new to the GSC can learn about our activities. All graduate students interested in getting involved with the NIH graduate student community were encouraged to attend. A short info packet about the GSC was passed out.